

ABSTRACT

5 The invention provides a method of enhancing the healing of bone fractures in an animal subjected to distraction osteogenesis, the method comprising administering, to the animal in need thereof, a growth hormone or a growth hormone secretagogue in an amount sufficient to provide bone formation simultaneous with the distraction procedure.

10 The invention further provides a method for treatment of patients suffering from fractured bones by distractive osteogenesis, which method comprises administering an effective amount of a growth hormone or a growth hormone secretagogue to a patient in need of such a treatment in conjunction with the distraction procedure, as well the use of a growth hormone or a growth hormone secretagogue for the manufacture of a medicament for the enhancement of healing of bone fractures in distractive osteogenesis,

15